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TAGS: ECON

SUBJECT: NEW COMMODITIES TO BE SOLD WITHOUT SUBSIDIES

1. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 1, 1976 THAT IMPORTED PRODUCTS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE QUOTE AT REASONABLE PRICES UNQUOTE BUT WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY. (REASONABLE PRICES PROBABLY MEANS MINIMUM PROFIT MARGIN FOR SELLERS). COMMODITIES INCLUDE THOSE ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE OR AVAILABLE BUT OF VERY POOR QUALITY. ITEMS ARE HALAWA (SWEETCAKES), TAHINNIYA (SWEET NUTMEAT PACKETS THE SIZE OF CANDY BARS FOR USE AS QUICK ENERGY FOODS), COOKED AND FROZEN CHICKENS AND HIGH QUALITY SOAP.

2. COMMENT: CAIRO 1175 REPORTED APPARENT GOE BACKPEDDLING IN THE SUBSIDY AREA. APPEARANCE OF GOODS WHICH WILL BE ATTRACTIVE TO A BROAD RANGE OF THE POPULATION WITHOUT SUBSIDIES MAY BE DESIGNED TO SIGNAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO - OR CANNOT--BEAR THE BURDEN OF SUBSIDIES FOREVER. EILTS

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